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**STOCK SHAPE FOR MACHINING  
AND PRODUCTION PROCESS  
THEREOF**

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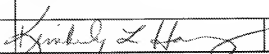
**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated December 8, 2009, Applicants respond as follows, wherein:

Claim Amendments begin on page 2; and

Remarks begin on page 7.

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